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E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: MASS, MILI, OVIP
SUBJECT: YAR CHIEF OF STAFF VISIT, 19-26 MAY 1977

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1. I AM SINCERELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR LTC AL-GHASHMI'S OVERSEAS TRAVEL. I FULLY APPRECIATE THE OBSTACLES INVOLVED.

2. REALIZING THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS IN SEEKING EXCEPTION TO A LONG-ESTABLISHED POLICY, I HAVE BEGUN DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS TO LAY THE GROUND-WORK THROUGH A SERIES OF LOW-KEY CONTACTS WITH SENIOR YARG OFFICIALS, IN ANTICIPATION THAT OVERSEAS TRAVEL FUNDING WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

3. THESE DISCUSSIONS SEEM TO HAVE BORNE FRUIT. THIS MORNING, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL B, OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE MET WITH THE YAR ARMED FORCES PROJECT OFFICER FOR AL-GHASHMI'S
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TRIP TO DISCUSS DETAILS PERTINENT TO THE FORTHCOMING VIST. THE PROJECT OFFICER HAS NO RPT NO DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT YARG WOULD BEAR COSTS OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM CONUS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT USG WOULD PAY ALL REASON-ABLE EXPENSES WHILE THE GROUP IS IN AMERICA.

4. WE THINK ISSUE IS RESOLVED. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN

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YEMEN, HOWEVER, AND WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT FOR THIS OR PERHAPS SOME OTHER REASON AL-GHASHMI MAY EDGE HIMSELF OUT OF VISIT AT LAST MINUTE, AS HAPPENED ONCE IN THE PAST. NONETHELESS, WE KNOW AL-GHASHMI BADLY WANTS TO VISIT THE US AND WE WILL OW PROCEED ON THIS ASSUMPTION.

5. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF THIS VISIT AS WELL AS THAT OF YOUR STAFF. I AM SURE THIS VISIT WILL HAVE A MOST BENEFICTIAL EFFECT ON OU BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH YEMEN.
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